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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Administration

FROM:

Chairman, Fine Arts Commission

SUBJECT:

Bas-Relief Sculpture of Former DCI Casey

- 1. For some time now, the New Building Project Office (NBPO) has been working with an artist and has a tentative commitment to create a bas-relief image of former DCI William J. Casey. This sculpture is intended to occupy a position near the dedication plaque in the new building. This memorandum asks your approval to proceed with commissioning this sculpture.
- 2. To date, there has been no specific guidance to NBPO regarding this sculpture. Nevertheless, they have been working with an artist to create a model. At this time, it is necessary to have a firm Agency commitment to go ahead (or not) with this project because:
  - -- the sculpture needs to be completed and in place prior to dedication of the new building; and
  - --appropriate supports must be incorporated in a wall of the new building.

NBPO needs a decision on this matter soon in order to achieve timely solutions.

- 3. I request that you approve the creation of the basrelief sculpture of Mr. Casey. Placement near the dedication
  plaque in the new building is appropriate, customary, and in
  keeping with a similar sculpture of Mr. Dulles in the existing
  building. Mr. Casey was a driving force behind the new building,
  following the incorporation of the idea in the 1980 CIA Long
  Range Plan at the suggestion of Mr. John McMahon. Mr. Casey's
  interest, encouragement and support were both vigorous and vital
  in winning Congressional approvals.
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  4. If you approve, the CIA point of contact for the artist (COTR). NBPO estimates the cost of the sculpture at about \$17,000 based on their work to date with Mr. Vogel, the prospective artist. We could take the funds from those allotted to the purchase of Mr. Melzac's art.

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An alternative is to use money dedicated to the purchase of art for the new building. In this option, we would direct GSA to include this piece in their proposals under the Art-In-Architecture Program. If you have other ideas on the source of funds please advise us below. The Fine Arts Commission will review the esthetic elements of the design.

APPROVED:

Deputy Director for Administration

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